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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : OVIP (MIDDENDORF, J. WILLIAM)

SUBJECT : SECNAV VISIT TO BAHRAIN

FOR SECRETARY MIDDENDORF FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. AMIR WILL RECEIVE YOU AT RIFAA PALACE 1630 LOCAL. CMEF ADMIRAL HANKS AND I WILL MEET YOU AT AIRPORT AT 1600 AND WE WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO RIFAA. WE PLAN FOR ADMIRAL GERHARD AND COL. VITALI, WITH CMEF'S AIDE LT. BOYER, TO ACCOMPANY US IN SECOND CAR. CALL SHOULD LAST APPROX 30 MINUTES PERXWTTING US TO RETURN TO AREA MIDEASTFOR FACILITIES BY 1730, GIVING YOU ALMOST AN HOUR WITH MIDEASTFOR PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR AIRPORT. PRIME MINISTER WILL BE PRESENT AT RIFAA AS WILL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER (ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER) YOUSUF SHIRAWI.

2. WHEN ADMIRAL HANKS AND I MET WITH SHIRAWI LATE SEPT. 9 TO DISCUSS ADJUSTMENTS TO MIDEASTFOR LEAETT EXPRESSED
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SHARP DISAPPOINTMENT WITH USG RESPONSE ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
IN CONTEXT PENDING GOB DECISION TO RETAIN MIDEASTFOR. BRIEFLY

GOB IS LOOKING FOR A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT IN WHICH
USG PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL SALARY TOPPING FOR U.S. EXPERTS WHILE
BEST WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OFFER BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY AND
LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS A RE-
IMBURSABLE PROGRAM WITH SOME ODDS AND ENDS OF SHORT TERM
ADVISORY ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING ON A CONCESSIONARY BASIS.
IT IS POSSIBLE BAHRAINIS WILL RAISE THIS PROBLEM WITH YOU,
URGING USG MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ADOPT MORE FLEXIBLE AND FORTH-
COMING APPROACH TO RESPOND TO GOB'S FELT NEED FOR TANGIBLE
EVIDENCE U.S. COOPERATION IN CIVILIAN DEVELOPMENT. ALTHOUGH
IT WILL NOT COMPLETELY SATISFY HIM, AMIR WOULD WELCOME
INDICATION YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST AS SENIOR USG OFFICIAL IN
SEEKING WAYS TO PROVIDE AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY ON CONCESSIONARY
AND HENCE COMPETITIVE TERMS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUCH AS
BAHRAIN WHICH ARE NOT A.I.D. RECIPIENTS.

3. WE HAVE HAD INQUIRY FROM LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEKLY
GULF MIRROR ABOUT POSSIBILITY YOUR GIVING BRIEF INTERVIEW
WHILE HERE. GOB WORRIED THAT THIS MIGHT RAISE EMBARRASSING
QUESTIONS ABOUT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON MIDEASTFOR. WE HAVE
BEEN ASKED TO REPLY THAT YOUR TIGHT SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT
TIME FOR INTERVIEW/PRESS CONFERENCE.
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